

Group I - Claims 1-8, drawn to a colored filter array and a process of making the same (classified in class 430, subclass 7).

Group II - Claims 9-16, drawn to a photosensitive resin composition (classified in class 430, subclass 270.1).

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction requirement and ask for reconsideration and withdrawal of the same. Applicants' traversal is based on the fact that the claims group I and II are related as product (and process of making the product) as recited in Group I, and material for the product (as recited in group II).

Even though applicants traverse the outstanding restriction requirement, they elect for purposes of future prosecution Group II, claims 9-16, with traverse.

The basis of Applicants traversal of the outstanding restriction requirement is as follows.

The claims in Group I include the product showing excellent spectroscopic characteristics with respect to blue light and having a blue filter layer excellent in light fastest, with the product containing a specific dye.

The claims in Group II are directed to a very important material utilized in producing the products encompassed by the claims of Group I. Indeed, the material recited in claims of Group II allows the products encompass by the claims of Group I to have the excellent characteristics described above, and contains the same dye as is in the products encompass by the claims of Group I.

Accordingly, because the claims of Group I and II have a close relationship based upon the material recited in Group II, it follows that no undo burden would be placed upon the Examiner to consider each of claims 1-16 at present. This is particularly true, given that Applicants have elected Group II, claims 9-16, with traverse.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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